State of California **Department of Parks and Recreation** NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM:

Department of Parks and Recreation

1416 Ninth Street

P.O. Box 942896

Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Replace Museum Entrance Sign

LOCATION: Morro Bay State Park

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove existing Morro Bay Museum of Natural History entrance sign located on south (left) edge of the entrance road and backfill post holes with native soil. Install new museum entrance sign approximately 30' north of the existing sign on the north (right) edge of the entrance road to the museum. Install new sign by digging two approximately 8" diameter sign post holes, each 36" deep. Secure sign posts in the new holes using concrete footings. The new sign is a double sided, DPR approved, standardized sign which will be visible from State Park Road, improving traffic flow and way finding. At project completion, the top of the new sign will be approximately 5 1/2' above ground level.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:

San Luis Obispo Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 2, 4, 11 Sections: 15302, 15304, 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: This project consists of the replacement of an existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity of the structure replaced and will have the substantially the same purpose; minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities including but not limited to on-premises signs; included as "installation of signs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

CONTACT: Doug Barker

San Luis Obispo Coast District/

TELEPHONE: (805)927-2119

EMAIL: DBarker@HearstCastle.com

Nicholas Franco.

District Superintendent

DATE (0/14/08